

established program in 1977, only 114 public servants have participated of which there were 5 women. To date a total number of 92 women have been sponsored for the Career Assignment Program and the Special Development Programs. Several federal departments have designed programs to benefit and enhance the career opportunities for their own women employees. Data on these programs is not available from the Public Service Commission.

REVIEW OF RETIREMENT INCOME SYSTEM

Question No. 1,456—**Mr. Alexander:**

1. Did the government establish a committee to review the area of retirement income including options available to holders of registered retirement savings plans (RRSP's) and, if so (a) on what date (b) to which Minister does it report (c) what are its terms of reference (d) who are the Members?

2. Will the committee determine what options are available to holders of registered retirement savings plans when they reach the age of 71?

3. Is the committee expected to report its findings or recommendations and, if so (a) on what date will it report (b) will they be tabled in the House of Commons?

Mr. Ed Lumley (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Finance): 1. The government began a review of the retirement income system in 1976. The review is being conducted under the auspices of the Minister of Finance, the Minister of National Health and Welfare and the President of the Treasury Board. The ministers are being assisted by officials from their respective departments, other departments and a task force. The review covers the various sources of retirement income including the public pension programs, employer-sponsored pensions and personal saving, as well as registered retirement savings plans (RRSPs).

2. The options available to holders of registered retirement savings plans have been reviewed and, as a result of this examination, two additional alternatives to holders of RRSPs were introduced in the recent Budget (April 10, 1978). The new options available are as follows: (a) a fixed-term annuity may be purchased to provide benefits to age 90, and (b) the savings may be transferred to a new investment vehicle—a Registered Retirement Income Fund (RRIF). Financial and other institutions that are now eligible to issue RRSPs will be permitted to offer the new options. Under both alternatives, retirement income will be provided to age 90. Further details are available in the budget document.

3. The task force report is expected to be available for consideration by ministers within the next month or so. A decision concerning tabling of a public document based on the report will be taken after the cabinet has had an opportunity to study it.

WINTER CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND—FRASER VALLEY EAST

Question No. 1,502—**Mr. Patterson:**

What amount was spent by the government in the Constituency of Fraser Valley East under the Winter Job Expansion Programme in each year of its duration?

Motion for Papers

Mr. Ed. Lumley (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Finance): Four loans were made under the Winter Capital Projects Fund in respect of projects located in the constituency of Fraser Valley East. The principal loan details are as follows:

Municipality	Project	Amount of Loan	Amount of Loan Forgiveness
Mission	Renovation of hospital	\$130,000	\$ 57,252.42
Chilliwack	Upgrading of roads	275,000	100,381.93
Chilliwack	Addition to fire hall	41,755	12,875.00
Mission	Construction of municipal hall	275,000	73,054.19

[English]

Mr. Speaker: The questions enumerated by the parliamentary secretary have been answered. Shall the remaining questions be allowed to stand?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

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[Translation]

MOTION FOR PAPERS

Mr. Roger Young (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, notice of motion No. 69 for the production of papers is acceptable to the government.

Mr. Speaker: Does the House agree that notice of motion No. 69 be deemed to have been adopted?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT TO WIDOW WHOSE SPOUSE'S ALLOWANCE DISCONTINUED

Motion No. 69—**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):**

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of the letter of condolence that the Department of National Health and Welfare now sends to a woman who has been in receipt of the Spouse's Allowance but whose husband had died before she has reached age 65, including the portion of the said letter that informs her that her Spouse's Allowance has been discontinued.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. Young: I ask, Mr. Speaker, that all other notices of motions be allowed to stand.

Mr. Speaker: Does the House agree?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.